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SUBJ: PAN AM/MALEV RELATIONS

1. ON FEBRUARY 6 BUDAPEST PAN AM REP LAMBRICHTS FORMALLY ADVISED EMBASSY THAT MALEV IS FAILING TO LIVE UP TO ITS GENERAL SALES AGREEMENT. MALEV HAS REFUSED TO PROGRAM PAN AM BUDAPEST ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES INTO ITS NEW COMPUTERIZED RESERVATION SYSTEM. MALEV EMPLOYEES ARE THEREFORE UNABLE TO BOOK PASSENGERS ON PAN AM AND ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CALL PAN AM DIRECTLY BY PHONE.

2. ACCORDING TO LAMBRICHTS, MALEV HAS CONFIRMED TO PAN AM IN WRITING THAT IT WILL SELL TICKETS ONLY ON LINES OF ITS POOL PARTNERS. SINCE PAN AM IS NOT A POOL PARTNER IT IS LEFT IN THE COLD.

3. PAN AM BUDAPEST ASKED ITS NEW YORK OFFICE TO SCRATCH MALEV FLIGHTS FROM ITS COMPUTER; AND, UPON RECEIPT OF APPROVAL, ADVISED MALEV OF THIS DECISION. THIS NEWS CAUSED A MINOR FLAP AT MALEV.

4. LAMBRICHTS HAS NOT SOUGHT AND DOES NOT WISH USG ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME. HE DOES WISH TO ADVISE OF DETERIORATING PAN AM/MALEV RELATIONS. PAN AM AND MALEV
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REPS HAVE SCHEDULED MEETING EARLY THIS WEEK; AND

LAMBRICHTS HOPES MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED AMICABLY.

5. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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